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1. NOW THAT FULL BREAKDOWN OF VOTING ON UNGA KHMER RESOLUTIONS IS AVAILABLE (REFTELS), I BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO TAKE EARLY AND OFFICIAL NOTE OF NEPAL'S UNHELPFUL RECORD ON THIS ISSUE. I WOULD THEREFORE PROPOSE TO SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH FONMIN KARKI TO EXPRESS STRONG DISAPPOINTMENT AND CONCERN AT NEPALESE VOTE WHICH SUPPORTED SIHANOUK DOWN THE LINE DESPITE OUR REPEATED REPRESENTATIONS ON IMPORTANCE U.S. ATTACHED TO THIS ISSUE.

2. I WOULD EXPRESS CONTINEUD UNDERSTANDING OF NEPAL'S NON-ALIGNED POSTURE AS IT HAS BEEN PRACTICED IN THE PAST AND OF THE REASONS FOR IT, BUT AT THE SAME TIME POINT OUT OUR INABILITY TO UNDERSTAND THE MARKED AND IMPORTANT DEPARTURE FROM A GENUINE POSITION OF NON-ALIGNMENT REPRESENTED BY NEPAL'S PRO-SIHANOUK VOTES. ON THIS ISSUE NEPAL JOINED THE SINO-SOVIET BLOC AND THE MORE RADICAL NON-ALIGNED, ALTHOUGH THE LOGICAL

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COURSE IN TERMS OF NEPALESE POSITION AND INTERESTS WOULD

HAVE BEEN TO ABSTAIN.

3. I WOULD ALSO USE THE BREAKDOWN OF VOTES TO POINT OUT TO KARKI THAT ON THE KHMER ISSUE NEPAL WAS OUT OF STEP WITH MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THREE VOTING GROUPS WITH WHICH IT FEELS STRONG COMMON INTEREST: ITS ASIAN NEIGHBORS, THE NON-ALIGNED, AND KEY ARAB OIL PRODUCERS WHOM NEPAL IS UNDERSTANDABLY ANXIOUS NOT TO OFFEND. WE NOTE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT ON THE SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTION INDIA, BANGLADESH, AND BURMA ALL ABSTAINED AND THAILAND AND OTHER ASEAN MEMBERS SUPPORTED. AS FOR THE SO-CALLED NON-ALIGNED IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THERE WAS NO UNITED FRONT DESPITE THE RESOLUTION OF THE ALGIERS CONFERENCE WHICH NEPAL HAS USED TO ARGUE IT WAS BOUND BY PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS TO SUPPORT SIHANOUK. ABSTENTIONS ON ONE OR MORE OF THE KEY RESOLUTIONS BY CYPRUS, EHTIOPIA, NIGERIA AND LEBANON, NOT TO MENTION POSITIVE SUPPORT FROM INDONESIA, JORDAN, MOROCCO AND OTHERS MAKE NEPAL'S VOTE THE MORE INEXPLICABLE. AS FOR THE OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES, I WOULD UNDERLINE THE FACT THAT IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA SUPPORTED OUR EFFORTS AND THAT BAHRAIN, FROM WHOM HMG IS NOW PURCHASING CRUDE, ABSTAINED ON BOTH SUBSTANTIVE AND PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS.

4. ALTHOUGH HMG IS WELL AWARE OF OUR DEEP INTEREST IN KHMER ISSUE AND WE HAVE MADE STRONG REPRESENTATIONS TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE GOVERNMENT, WE HAVE STILL NOT YET RECEIVED A CREDIBLE EXPLANATION FOR ITS CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR SIHANOUK AND ITS OPPOSITION TO UN SUPPORT OF A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION. I WOULD REMIND KARKI ONCE AGAIN OF OUR VIEW THAT THE UN SHOULD SEEK CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTIONS TO POLITICAL PROBLEMS RATHER THAN RESORT TO UNPRECEDENTED ACTIONS OR UNREALISTIC RESOLUTIONS WHICH GIVE LITTLE OR NO REGARD TO IMPLEMENTATION.

5. ALTHOUGH I COULD TAKE THE ABOVE LINE WITH KARKI AS AN EXPRESSION OF MY OWN VIEWS, THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH ME TO DO SO UNDER INSTRUCTIONS WITH ANY DESIRED ADDITIONS OR MODIFICATIONS. I WOULD HOPE PROMPT APPROACH WOULD BE USEFUL IN HELPING KEEP NEPAL ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE LEDGER
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ON REMAINING VOTES, SUCH AS KOREAN QUESTION IN THE CONCLUDING PHASE OF THE CURRENT UNGA SESSION.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT REACTION SOONEST. CARGO

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